

(4) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2002.

(b) **REDUCTION OF MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAXES ON BIODIESEL MIXTURES.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4081 (relating to manufacturers tax on petroleum products) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(f) **BIODIESEL MIXTURES.**—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of the removal or entry of a qualified biodiesel mixture, the rate of tax under subsection (a) shall be the otherwise applicable rate reduced by the biodiesel mixture rate (if any) applicable to the mixture.

“(2) **TAX PRIOR TO MIXING.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of the removal or entry of diesel fuel for use in producing at the time of such removal or entry a qualified biodiesel mixture, the rate of tax under subsection (a) shall be the rate determined under subparagraph (B).

“(B) **DETERMINATION OF RATE.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the rate determined under this subparagraph is the rate determined under paragraph (1), divided by a percentage equal to 100 percent minus the percentage of biodiesel which will be in the mixture.

“(3) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subsection, any term used in this subsection which is also used in section 40B shall have the meaning given such term by section 40B.

“(4) **CERTAIN RULES TO APPLY.**—Rules similar to the rules of paragraphs (6) and (7) of subsection (c) shall apply for purposes of this subsection.”.

(2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—

(A) Section 4041 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(n) **BIODIESEL MIXTURES.**—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, in the case of the sale or use of a qualified biodiesel mixture (as defined in section 40B(b)(2)), the rates under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall be the otherwise applicable rates, reduced by any applicable biodiesel mixture rate (as defined in section 40B(b)(1)(B)).”.

(B) Section 6427 is amended by redesignating subsection (p) as subsection (q) and by inserting after subsection (o) the following new subsection:

“(p) **BIODIESEL MIXTURES.**—Except as provided in subsection (k), if any diesel fuel on which tax was imposed by section 4081 at a rate not determined under section 4081(f) is used by any person in producing a qualified biodiesel mixture (as defined in section 40B(b)(2)) which is sold or used in such person's trade or business, the Secretary shall pay (without interest) to such person an amount equal to the per gallon applicable biodiesel mixture rate (as defined in section 40B(b)(1)(B)) with respect to such fuel.”.

(3) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this subsection shall apply to any fuel sold after December 31, 2002, and before January 1, 2008.

SA 3331. Mr. HARKIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2917 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, and Mr. BINGAMAN) to the bill (S. 517) to authorize funding the Department of Energy to enhance its mission areas through technology transfer and partnerships for fiscal years 2002 through 2006, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In Division H, on page 50, strike lines 23 and 24, and insert the following:

“(1) **TERMINATION.**—This section shall not apply to any property placed in service—

“(1) in the case of property relating to hydrogen, after December 31, 2011, and

“(2) in the case of any other property, after December 31, 2006.”.

(b) **INCENTIVE FOR PRODUCTION OF HYDROGEN AT QUALIFIED CLEAN-FUEL VEHICLE REFUELING PROPERTY.**—Section 179A(d) (defining qualified clean-fuel vehicle refueling property) is amended by adding at the end the following new flush sentence:

“In the case of clean-burning fuel which is hydrogen produced from another clean-burning fuel, paragraph (3)(A) shall be applied by substituting ‘production, storage, or dispensing’ for ‘storage or dispensing’ both places it appears.”.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, at 10 a.m., in room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a hearing on S. 2017, a bill to amend the Indian Financing Act of 1974 to improve the effectiveness of the Indian loan guarantee and insurance program.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. INOUE. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 9:30 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a joint hearing with the Senate Small Business Committee on “Small Business Development in Native American Communities: Is the Federal Government Meeting Its Obligations?”

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 10 a.m., to conduct an oversight hearing on “The Federal Deposit Insurance System and Recommendations for Reform.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. on “Generic Pharmaceuticals: Marketplace Access and Consumer Issues”.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on

Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 10:15 a.m., to hold a hearing titled, “Increasing Nonproliferation Efforts in the Former Soviet Union.”

Agenda

Witnesses

Panel 1: The Honorable William S. Cohen, Former Secretary of Defense, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, The Cohen Group, Washington, DC.

Panel 2: Dr. Siegfried S. Hecker, Senior Fellow, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM, and Dr. Constantine C. Menges, Senior Fellow, the Hudson Institute, Washington, DC.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, immediately following the first rollcall vote of the day for a business meeting to consider the nomination of Paul A. Quander, Jr., to be Director of the District of Columbia Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR AND PENSIONS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet for a hearing on “Implementation of ESEA: Status and Key issues” during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 2:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ANTITRUST, BUSINESS RIGHTS AND COMPETITION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights and Competition, be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on “Dominance on the Ground: Cable Competition and the AT&T-Comcast Merger,” on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 2 p.m., in SD-226.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENTAL MANAGEMENT, RESTRUCTURING AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. REID. Mr. President I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on government Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia, be authorized to meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2002, at 10 p.m., for a hearing to examine “The Economic Implications of the Human Capital Crisis.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Public Health,